(c) Approval of financial assistance is given on the basis of technical and financial viability of the proposals received in a financial year and the amount is released as per availability of funds. As already stated, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up units on its own. As such the details of proposed processing units to be set up cannot be indicated.

Changes in IIT curriculum

390. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the kind of changes IIT Delhi propose to bring about in their curriculum to help students to reduce their work load and stress, as reported in the 'Times of India' of 16th August, 2002;

(b) the proposals for fresh areas of exposure; and

(c) whether the changes carry the overall approval of students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi proposes to bring about changes in its curriculum to help students to reduce their workload and stress by providing flexibility, reduced workload, design and project work, inter-disciplinary training, team work and managerial training, behavioral and ethical issue etc. in B. Tech., and Dual Degree (B. Tech. + M. Tech.) programmes as well as for various Post Graduate Programmes.

Work load of university teachers

391. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.G.C. has recently called upon the university teachers to increase their teaching workload;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Delhi University has implemented the U.G.C. formula in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) No, Sir. The UGC had prescribed the minimum teaching workload for university/college teachers throughout the country in the year 1988.

(c) According to the information received from the University of Delhi, the matter is under consideration of the concerned statutory bodies of the University.

Accountability of IIT

392. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to make Indian Institute of Technology accountable and release of grants by their performance level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any formula has been evolved to evaluate the performance of individual IIT's;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) idea behind this change in funding pattern?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. A new funding mechanism for Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) has been laid down to bring in greater clarity and transparency in funding, making institutions more accountable and promoting systemic efficiency and effectiveness. This is based on the recommendations of an Expert Committee. The New funding pattern is based on the following principles;

(i) IITs would be charged to deliver targets, under conditions of greater operational freedom but with accountability for results, both to the Government and Society.

(ii) There shall be a framework of national goals and standards against which performance would be regularly monitored and assessed.